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Draft resolution submitted by the President of the General Assembly

Scope, modalities, format and organization of the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolution 64/148 of 18 December 2009, in which it, inter alia, called for the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action adopted by the World Conference against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance,[1]

Recalling also its resolution 65/240 of 24 December 2010, by which it decided to hold a one-day high-level meeting of the General Assembly, at the level of Heads of State and Government, on the second day of the general debate of the sixty-sixth session, on the theme "Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development",

1. *Decides* that the high-level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action will be held on Thursday, 22 September 2011, consisting of an opening plenary meeting from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m., two consecutive round tables from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., and a closing plenary meeting from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., and also decided that the morning meeting of the general debate on that day will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and that that arrangement does not constitute a precedent;

2. *Also decides* that the speakers at the opening plenary will be the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Head of State of South Africa, one speaker

[1] See A/CONF.189/12 and Corr.1, chap. I.

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from each regional group and a representative of a non-governmental organization active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

3. *Further decides* that the organizational arrangements of the round tables will be as follows:

(a) The round tables will address the overall theme of "Victims of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance: recognition, justice and development";

(b) Each round table will be co-chaired by two Heads of State or Government to be invited by the President of the General Assembly after consultations with the regional groups;

(c) In order to promote a substantive and constructive dialogue, participation in each round table will include Member States, observers, representatives of entities of the United Nations system and experts,[2] as well as selected representatives of civil society organizations and non-governmental organizations that are active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance;

(d) Accredited delegates, observers and selected non-governmental organizations that are active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance will be able to follow the proceedings of the round-table sessions in the overflow room;

(e) The proceedings of the round tables shall be webcast;

4. *Invites* the Holy See, in its capacity as observer State, Palestine, in its capacity as observer, and the European Union, in its capacity as observer, to participate in the preparatory activities and in the high-level meeting;

5. *Invites* the President of the General Assembly to draw up a list of representatives of civil society organizations, including non-governmental organizations active in the field of racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia, and related forms of intolerance and, taking into account the principle of equitable geographical representation, to submit the list to Member States for consideration on a no-objection basis, for participation in the high-level meeting;

6. *Reiterates* its call for States to be represented at the high-level meeting, at the highest possible political level, including at the level of Heads of State and Government;

7. *Decides* that the closing plenary meeting will comprise the presentation of summaries of the discussions by the Co-Chairs of the round tables and the adoption of a short and concise political declaration aimed at mobilizing political will.

[2] See A/C.5/65/12, sect. IV, para. 8 (b).